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**REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
 continuation application of:  
 divisional application of:

**Pending Prior Application**

Application No. 09/883,707 filed June 18, 2001

Title UNIFORM FORCE HYDROSTATIC BOLSTER PLATE

Name of applicant(s) James D. Hensley & Michael A. Brooks

**Copy of Application**

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

**Oath or Declaration**

Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

**Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119**

Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

**Relate Back - 35 USC 120**

Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

–Cross Reference To Related Application(s)–;

and add the paragraph:

–This is a ( ) continuation (X) divisional  
 of copending application number 09/883,707 filed on June 18, 2001,  
 which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record

( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

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Other Amendments

(X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

(X) Cancel the following claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

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Respectfully submitted,

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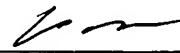
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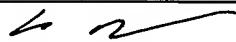
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